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# Outline

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\* EGFR = Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor

# Necitumumab

- Anti-EGFR recombinant human IgG1 monoclonal antibody designed to block the ligand binding site of the human EGFR
- Proposed Indication in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin for the 1st-line treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

# Randomized Controlled Studies to Support Approval

## EFFICACY and SAFETY

**SQUIRE** (I4X-IE-JFCC; IMCL CP11-0806):  
Gemcitabine/Cisplatin +/- Necitumumab  
Metastatic **squamous** NSCLC

## SAFETY

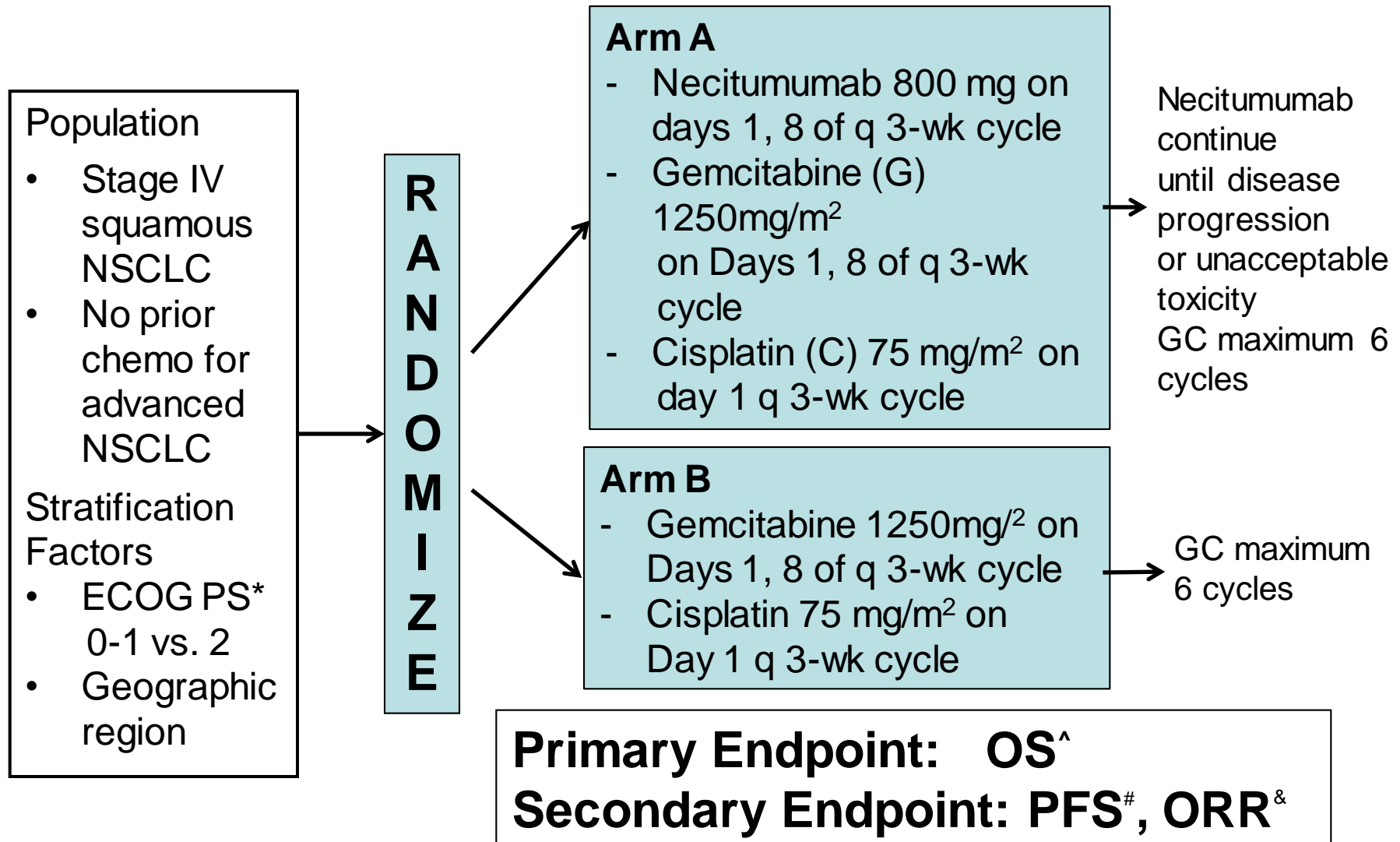
**INSPIRE** (I4X-IE-JFCB; IMCL CP11-0805):  
Pemetrexed/Cisplatin +/- Necitumumab  
Metastatic **non-squamous** NSCLC



# **SQUIRE STUDY**

**(I4X-IE-JFCC; IMCL CP11-0806)**

# SQUIRE Trial Design (Squamous NSCLC)



ECOG PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; <sup>^</sup> OS = Overall Survival;

<sup>#</sup> PFS = Progression-Free Survival; <sup>&</sup> ORR = Overall Response Rate

# Statistical Analysis Plan

- Sample size: planned 1080
- Overall Survival (OS)
  - $\alpha=0.05$  (2-sided)
  - 90% power for Hazard Ratio 0.80 (median from 11 to 13.75 months)
  - Number of death events needed = 844
- No interim analysis for OS
- Multiplicity adjustment for secondary endpoints: PFS and ORR
  - Hochberg approach



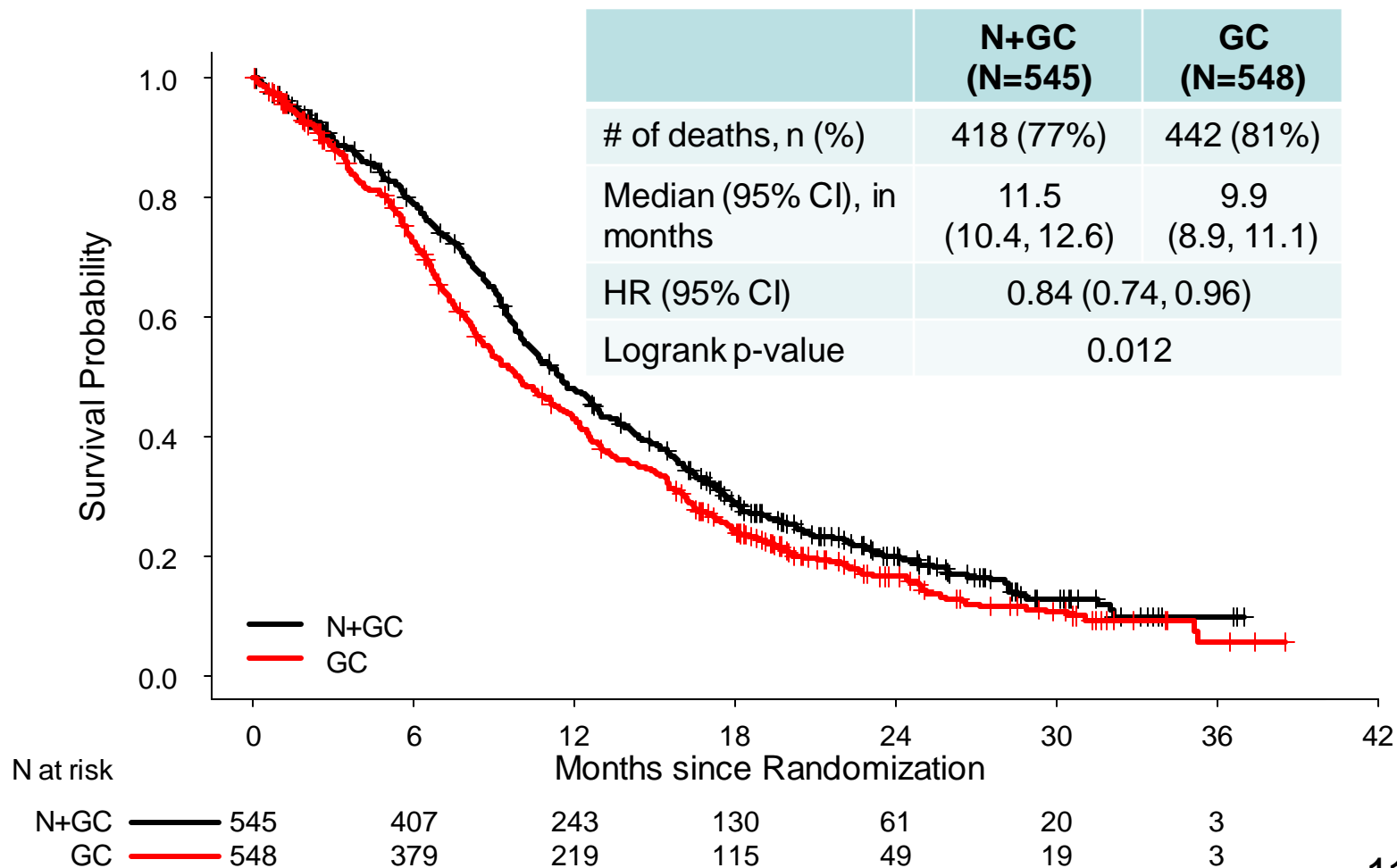
# SQUIRE – Study Conduct

- N = 1093
- 2010 – 2012
- Worldwide: 26 countries in Europe, South America, Asia, North America, Australia
  - 36/1093 patients in U.S.
- Protocol violations:
  - Major violations: 0.9% vs. 0.9%
  - Significant violations: 8.6% vs. 5.1%

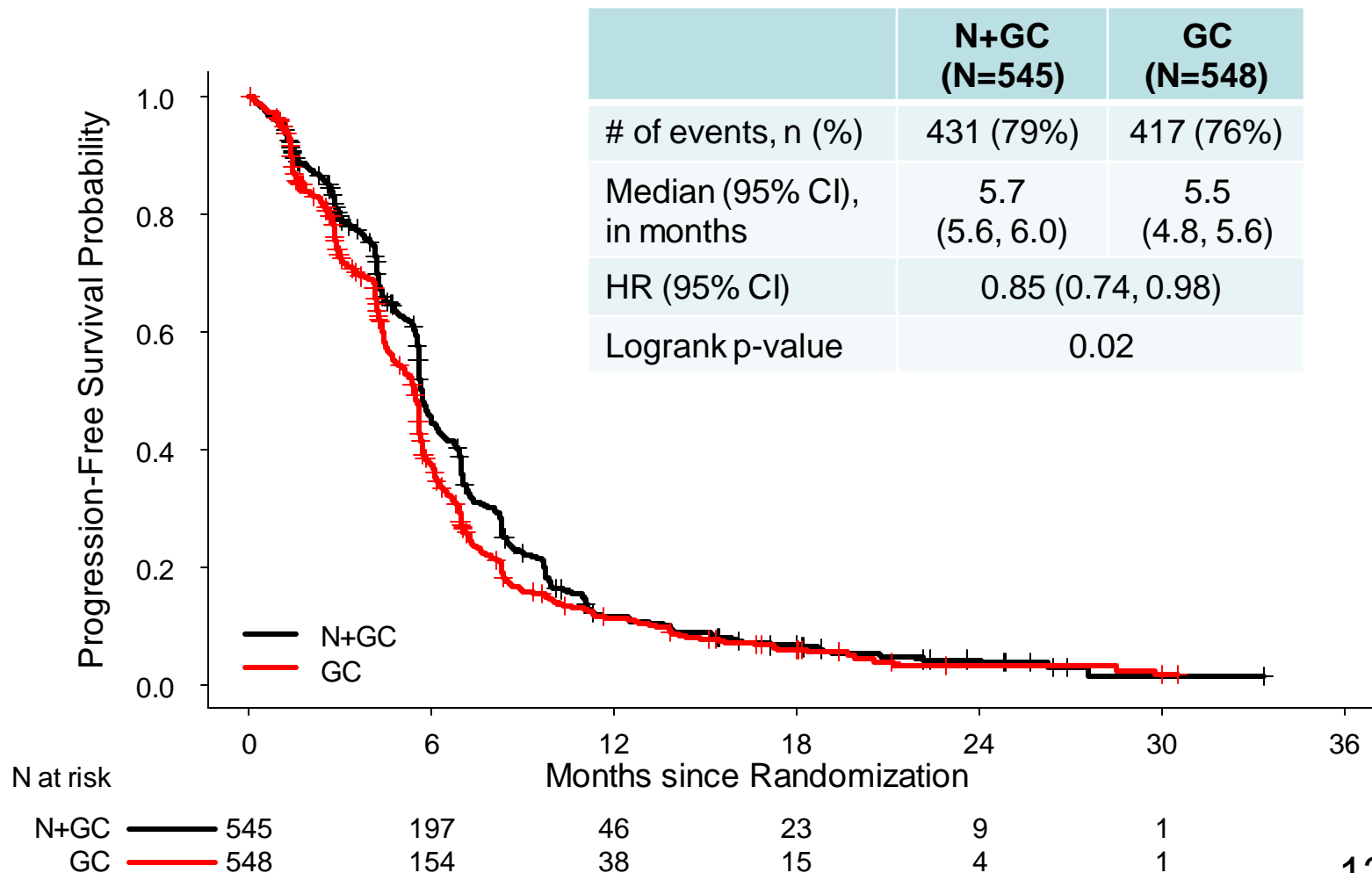
## Demographics and Disease Characteristics

	<b>Neci + GC (N=545)</b>	<b>GC (N=548)</b>
<b>Age median (range)</b>	62 (32 – 84)	62 (32 - 86)
<b>Gender: male</b>	83%	84%
<b>Race: White/Asian</b>	84%/8%	83%/8%
<b>ECOG PS 0/1</b>	30%/61%	33/58
<b>Smoker</b>	92%	90%
<b>Histology squamous</b>	99.6%	99.6%
<b>Prior therapy</b>		
<b>Surgery</b>	22%	19%
<b>Radiation Therapy</b>	8%	8%
<b>Adj chemo</b>	4%	3%
<b>Metastasis &gt; 2 sites</b>	55%	56%

# SQUIRE: Overall Survival



# SQUIRE: Progression-Free Survival



# Objective Response Rate

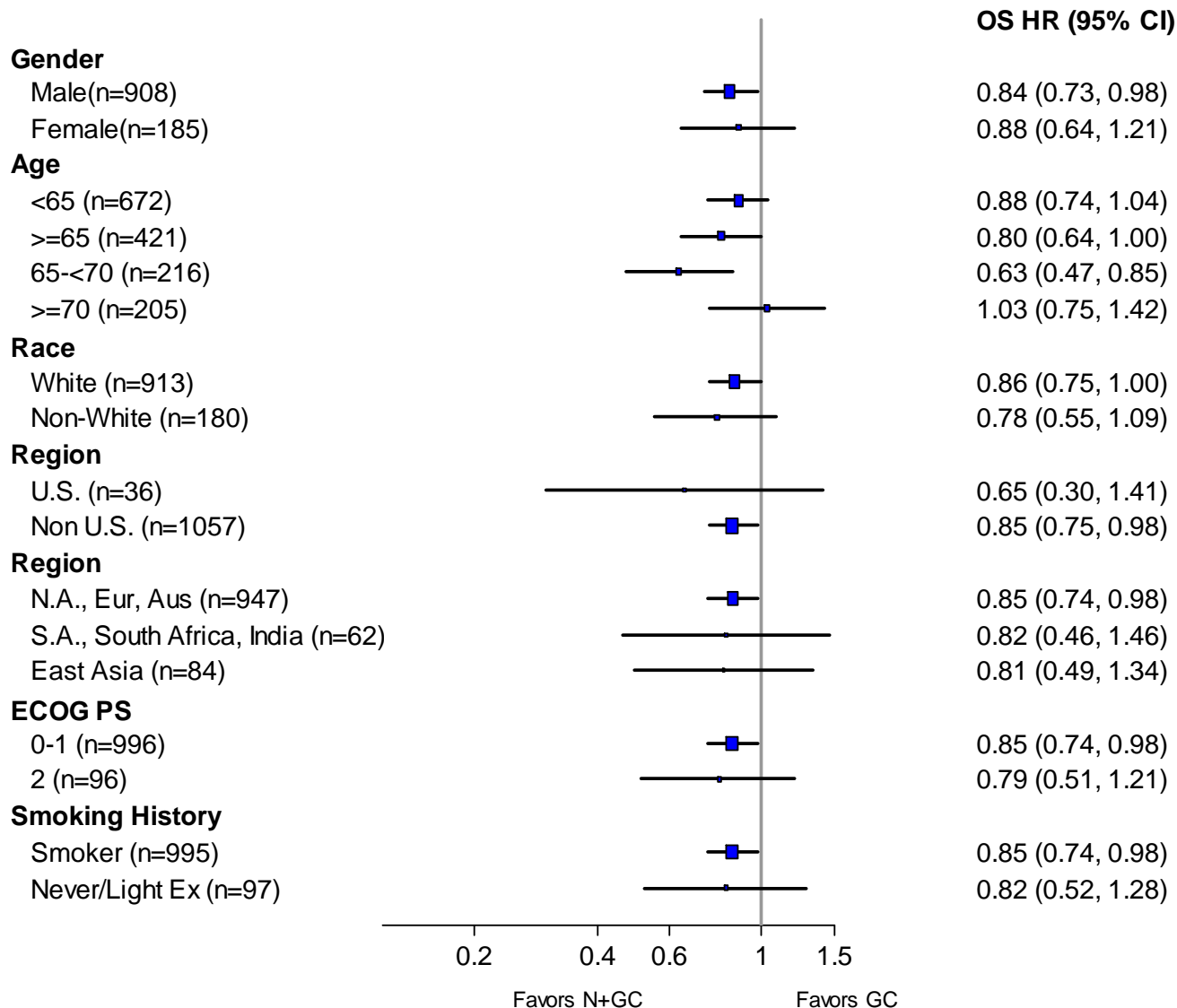
	GC+N (n=545)	GC (n=548)
<b>ORR, n(%)</b>	<b>170 (31%)</b>	<b>158 (29%)</b>
Complete Response	0	3 (<1%)
Partial Response	170 (31%)	155 (28%)
<b>95% CI</b>	<b>(27%, 35%)</b>	<b>(25%, 33%)</b>
<b>p-value</b>	<b>0.40</b>	
<b>Median Duration of Response (months)</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>95% CI</b>	<b>(5.1, 6.6)</b>	<b>(4.3, 5.5)</b>

# OS - Sensitivity Analyses

Sensitivity Analysis	N+GC Median	GC Median	HR (95% CI)
• ITT* population, un-stratified analysis	11.5	9.9	0.85 (0.74, 0.97)
• ITT population, per CRF <sup>#</sup> stratification data	11.5	9.9	0.83 (0.73,0.95)
• Per-protocol population (n=1072), stratified by IVRS <sup>^</sup> data	11.5	9.9	0.85 (0.74, 0.97)
• Per-protocol population (N=1072), un-stratified analysis	11.5	9.9	0.86 (0.75, 0.98)
• Exactly 844 events as per protocol sample size calculation	11.5	9.9	0.83 (0.73, 0.95)
• Considering patients lost to FU <sup>&amp;</sup> or withdrawing consent as events at 2 months after the date of last known alive	10.7	9.2	0.86 (0.75, 0.97)
• Censoring patients lost to FU or withdrawing consent at the study cutoff date	12.1	10.5	0.84 (0.74, 0.96)

\*ITT = intent-to-treat; <sup>#</sup>CRF= case report form; <sup>^</sup> IVRS = Interactive Voice Response System; <sup>&</sup>FU = follow-up

# OS - Subgroup Analyses



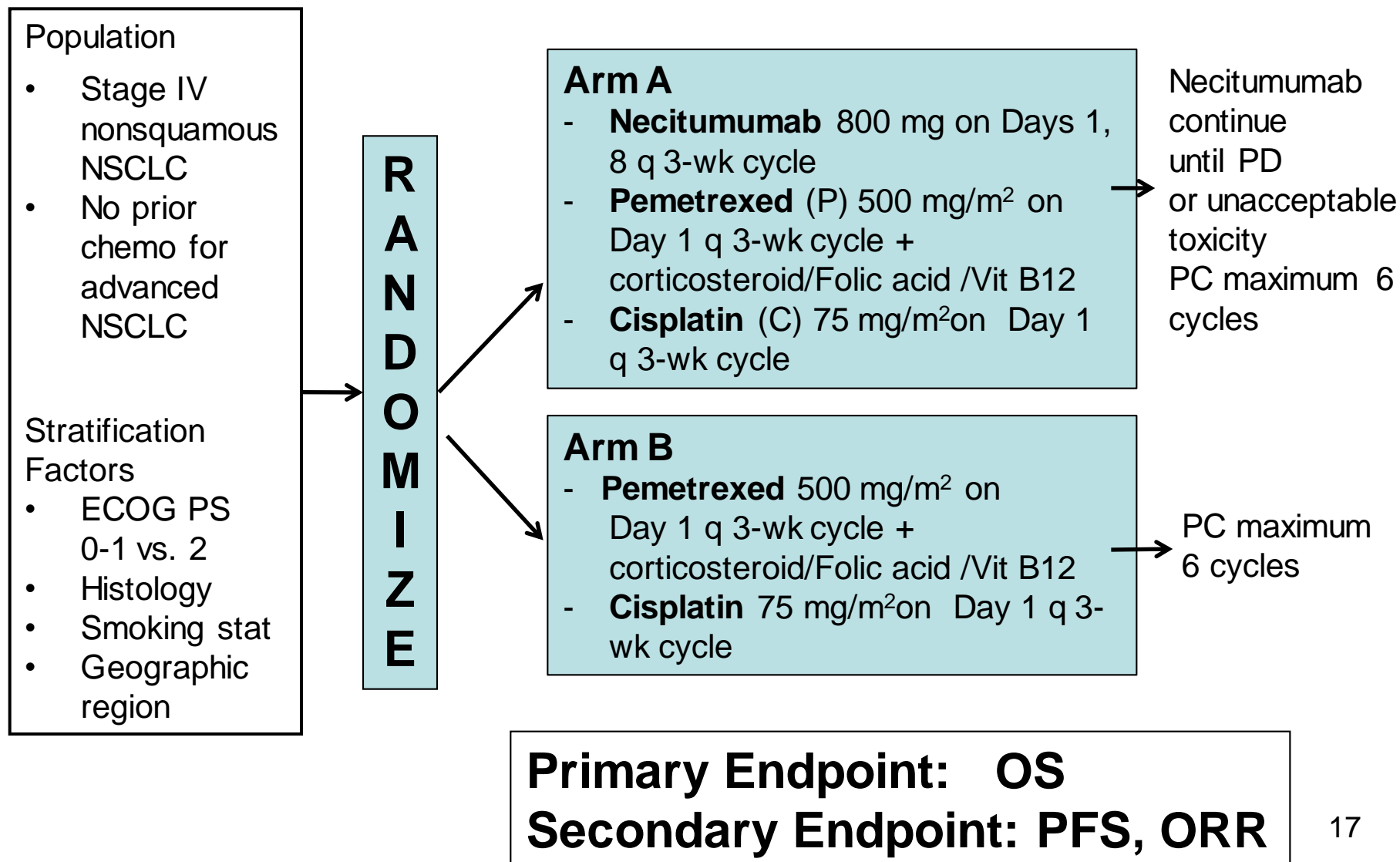


# **INSPIRE STUDY**

## **(I4X-IE-JFCB; IMCL CP11-0805)**



# INSPIRE Trial Design (Non-Squamous)



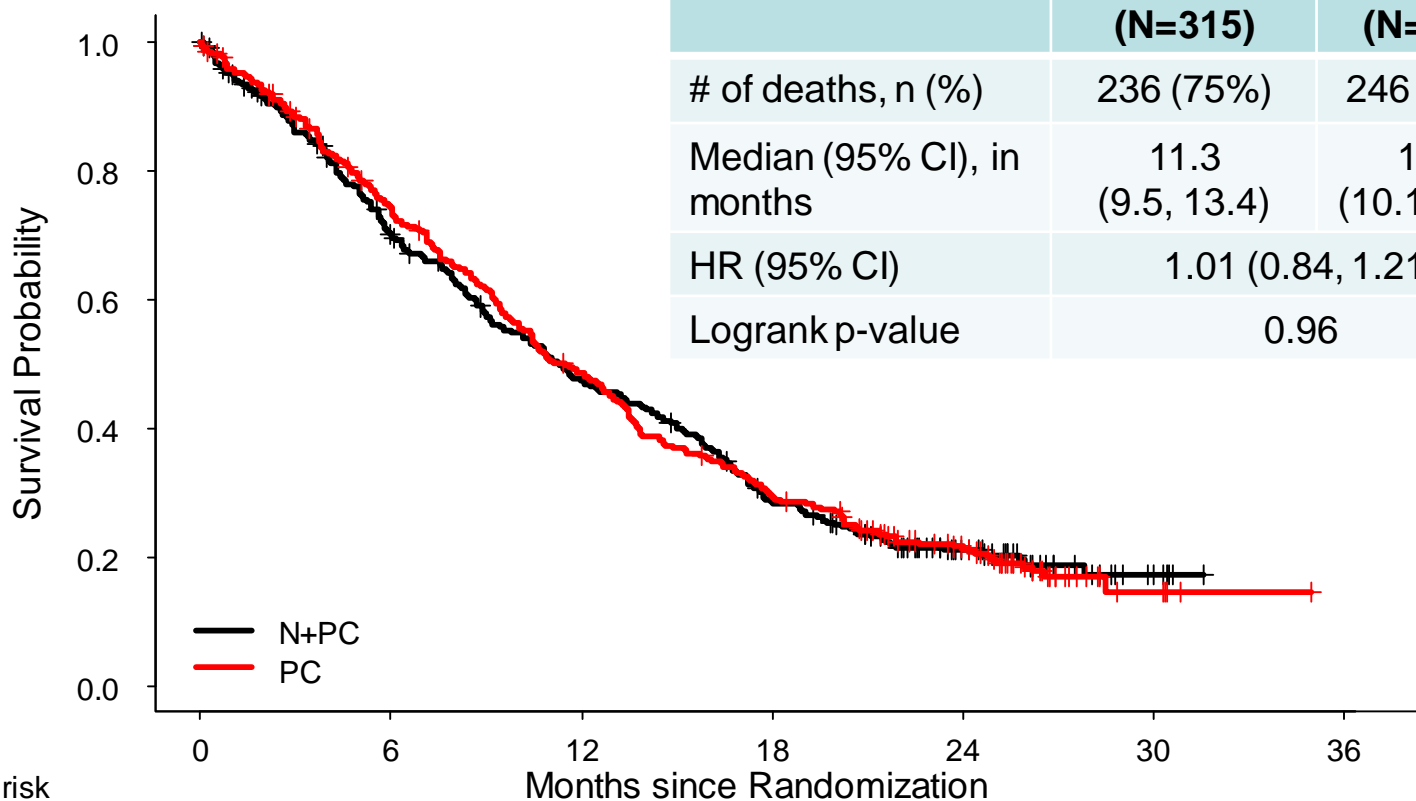
# INSPIRE – Study Conduct

- Planned sample size: N=947 (enrolled: N= 633)
- Early closure by IDMC<sup>^</sup> due to an ↑ in number of deaths attributed to thromboembolic events and other causes in the necitumumab arm compared to control
- Number of death events needed for the final OS analysis
  - originally planned: 723 deaths
  - final revised: 474 deaths
- Power reduced from 85% to 67.6% for a HR of 0.80 (11 vs. 13.75 months in median) at 0.05 two-sided significance level

# Demographics and Disease Characteristics

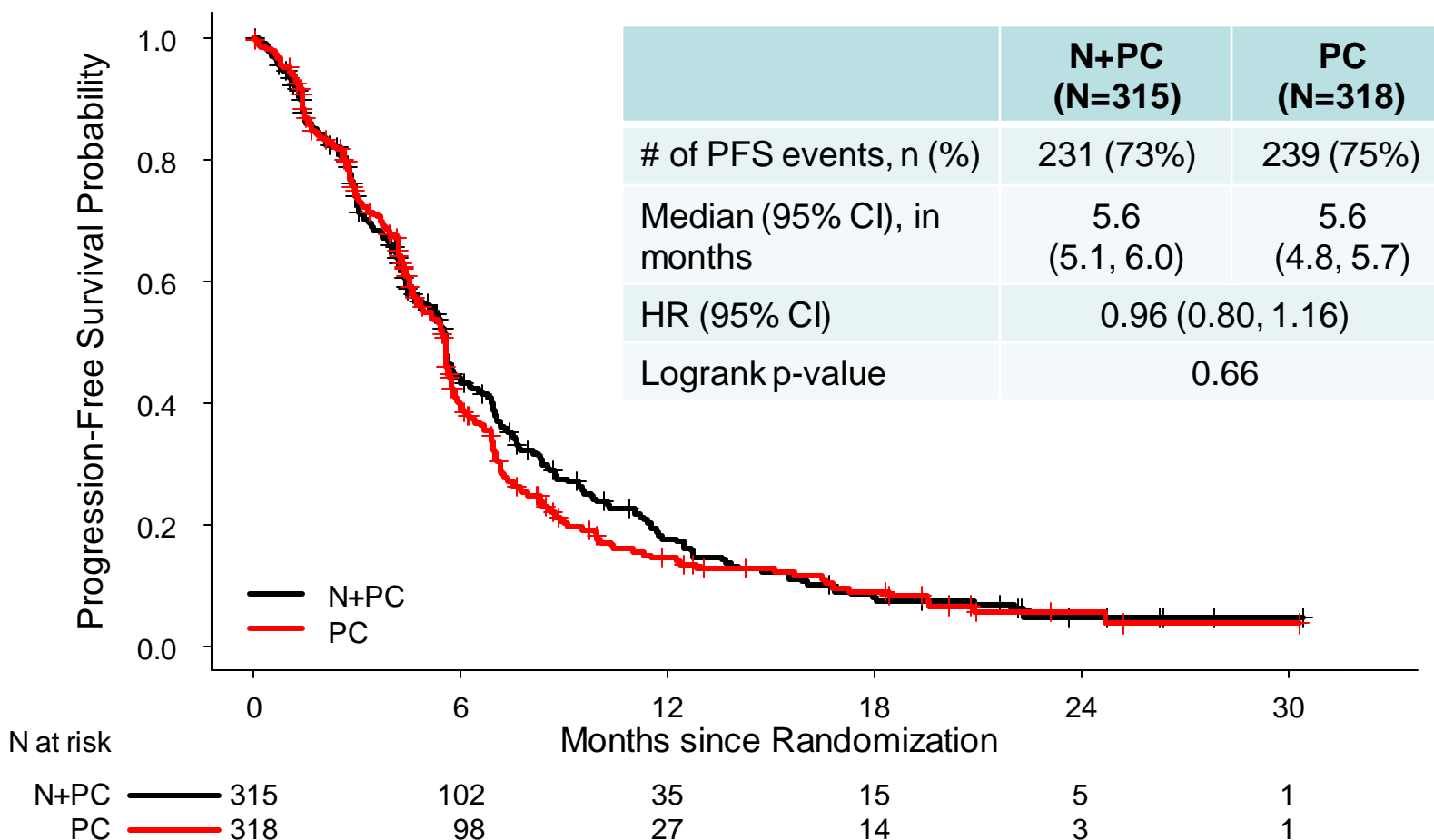
- **N =633 (315 N+PC arm, 318 PC arm)**
- Demographics and baseline characteristics similar across treatment arms
- Median age 61 years (range 26 - 88)
- 67% male, 94% ECOG PS 0 or 1
- 75% smoker
- Histology: 89% adenocarcinoma, 8% large cell

# INSPIRE (Non-Squamous) - Overall Survival



	N+PC (N=315)	PC (N=318)
# of deaths, n (%)	236 (75%)	246 (77%)
Median (95% CI), in months	11.3 (9.5, 13.4)	11.5 (10.1, 13.1)
HR (95% CI)	1.01 (0.84, 1.21)	
Logrank p-value	0.96	

# INSPIRE (Non-Squamous) - PFS



# Efficacy Summary

- **Squamous NSCLC (SQUIRE)**
  - 1.6 month median OS improvement (HR=0.84 logrank  $p=0.012$ )
  - 0.2 month median PFS improvement (HR=0.85,  $p=0.02$ ).
  - No statistical improvement in ORR
- **Non-Squamous NSCLC (INSPIRE)**
  - No statistical improvement in OS, PFS or ORR



# Safety

## SQUIRE - Adverse Events

	Neci+ GC* % (N=538)	GC % (N=541)
<b>Any Adverse Event</b>	99%	98%
<b>Any Serious</b>	48%	38%
<b>≥ Grade 3 Adverse Event</b>	72%	62%
<b>Deaths</b>	77%	81%
<b>Disease Progression</b>	63%	68%
<b>Adverse Event leading to Deaths</b>	14%	13%
<b>Death on treatment or ≤30 days</b>	11%	11%

\* Include AEs post chemotherapy (50% continued Necitumumab monotherapy)



## SQUIRE - Death on Treatment or Within 30 Days of Last Dose (N ≥ 2)

MedDRA Preferred Term	Neci + GC * N=538 (%)	GC N=541 (%)
<b>Due to an AE</b>	<b>60 (11%)</b>	<b>57 (11%)</b>
NSCLC	18	18
Death NOS or sudden death	<b>10</b>	2
Hemoptysis or hemorrhage	5	<b>11</b>
Pneumonia or respiratory infection	6	5
Cardio-Respiratory or cardiac arrest	<b>5</b>	1
Myocardial infarction	2	0
Septic shock	0	2
Cardiac failure	0	2
Encephalopathy	0	2

# Necitumumab + GC arm (N=538)

## Sudden Death/Unknown < 30 Days Last Dose

(FDA's Attribution of cause of death)

	Age/Sex	Days on Study	Cause of death	Co-morbid conditions /Comment
1	61yo M	85	Sudden death	COPD, HTN, ECG abnl, <b>Gr 3 ↓ Mg++</b>
2	63yo M	111	Sudden Death	COPD, alcohol, <b>Gr 2 ↓ Mg++</b>
3	57yo M	245	Sudden Death	COPD, atherosclerosis
4	64yo M	21	Sudden Death	HTN, DM, COPD
5	55yo M	16	Sudden Death	CAD, MI
6	74yo M	9	Sudden death	COPD
7	63yo M	3	Sudden death	CAD, HTN, Hodgkin's
8	62yo M	81	Cardiac arrest	COPD, HTN, <b>Gr 3 ↓ Mg++</b>
9	62yo M	59	Unknown	CAD
10	54yo M	148	Unknown	No known risk
11	80yo M	90	Unknown	HTN, atrial fib., <b>Gr 2 ↓ Mg++</b>
12	61yo M	31	Unknown	COPD

## GC arm (N=541)

### Sudden death/unknown < 30 days last dose

ID	Age	Days	Cause of death	Comment
1	62yo M	74	Sudden death	-
2	46yo M	6	Sudden death	DM, meningitis
3	56yo M	3	Sudden death	Atrial fibrillation

### Summary: Sudden deaths/unknown

<b>Necitumumab + GC arm</b>	<b>N = 12/538</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>GC arm</b>	<b>N = 3/541</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

## SQUIRE – Grade $\geq 3$ AEs Occurring in $\geq 2\%$ Patients

MedDRA Preferred Term	Neci + GC * % (N=538)	GC (N=541)
All AE grade $\geq 3$	72%	62%
Neutropenia	24%	27%
Thrombocytopenia	10%	9%
Anemia	9%	9%
<b>Hypomagnesemia</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Leukopenia</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Rash</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
Asthenia	3%	3%
<b>Pulmonary Embolism</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Nausea	3%	3%
<b>Vomiting</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Fatigue</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>

## SQUIRE - Anti-EGFR Class Drugs Adverse Events

AE (composite terms)	Necitumumab + GC % (N=538)		GC % (N=541)	
	All Grades	Grade ≥ 3	All Grades	Grade ≥ 3
Skin Reactions - Rash	79% 76%	8% 7%	12% 10%	1% <1%
Hypomagnesemia AE Laboratory	31% 81%	9% 19%	16% 70%	1% 7%
Conjunctivitis	7%	<1%	2%	0
Diarrhea	16%	2%	11%	2%
Hypersensitivity/infusion reaction	2%	<1%	2%	0
Interstitial Lung Disease	1%	<1%	1%	1%

## INSPIRE - Adverse Events

	Neci+ PC* % (N=304)	PC % (N=312)
<b>≥ Grade 3 Adverse Event</b>	72%	59%
<b>Deaths</b>	75%	78%
<b>Disease Progression</b>	61%	66%
<b>AE leading to Deaths/other</b>	15%	12%
<b>Death on treatment or ≤30 days</b>	14%	9%

# INSPIRE - Death on Treatment or Within 30 Days of Last Dose (N ≥ 2)

(FDA's assessment of cause of death)

MedDRA PT	N + PC * % (N=304)	GC (N=312)
All	43 (14%)	28 (9%)
NSCLC	14	7
Respiratory Failure	5	3
<b>Death NOS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Sudden death</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
Infection (sepsis, pneumonia, other)	7	4
Thromboembolic events	3	4
GI perforation	2	1

Summary: Sudden deaths/unknown  
Necitumumab + PC arm N = 10/304 3.3%  
PC arm N = 5/312 1.6%

## Thromboembolic Events (TEs)

- Early safety signal in the INSPIRE study
- Study closed at the recommendation of IDMC due to ↑ of deaths of all causes and deaths possibly due to TEs in the necitumumab arm



# INSPIRE - Thromboembolic Events

## INSPIRE - Non-Squamous

	Necitumumab +P/C N=304 (%)			P/C N=312 (%)		
	All	Gr≥3	Gr 5	All	Gr≥3	Gr 5
All TEs	17%	11%	2%	14%	6%	3%
Venous TE	13%	8%	1%	8%	4%	1%
Arterial TE	4%	3%	1%	6%	4%	2%

# SQUIRE - Thromboembolic Events

SQUIRE - Squamous						
	Necitumumab +G/C N=538 (%)			G/C N=541 (%)		
	All	Gr≥3	Gr 5	All	Gr≥>3	Gr 5
All TEs	15%	9%	0.8%	9%	5%	0.4%
Venous TE	9%	5%	0.2 %	5%	3%	0.2%
Arterial TE	5%	4%	0.6 %	4%	2%	0.2%

## SQUIRE - Venous TEs (N ≥ 2)

	Necitumumab +G/C N=538		G/C N=541	
	All grades	Gr>3	All grades	Gr>3
MedDRA PT	49 (9%)	29 (5%)	29 (5%)	12 (2%)
Pulmonary Embolism	26 (5%)	20 (3.7%)	13 (2.4%)	10 (2%)
Deep Vein Thrombosis	10 (2%)	5 (1%)	5 (1%)	0
Thrombosis	4	1	3	0
Mesenteric vein thrombosis	2	1	1	2
Pulmonary arterial throm.	2	0	2	0
Pulmonary venous throm.	2	1	0	0
Limb vein throm/peripheral	2	1	0	0

## Thromboembolic Events - Conclusion

- An increased incidence of venous TEs, some fatal, was observed with the addition of necitumumab to the platinum-doublet in both SQUIRE and INSPIRE studies.
- The incidence of venous TE was higher in the non-squamous (adenocarcinoma) population



# **SUMMARY**

# Efficacy

- **Squamous NSCLC (SQUIRE)** - Addition of necitumumab to gemcitabine/cisplatin:
  - OS: 1.6 month median improvement [HR=0.84 (95% CI 0.74; 0.96); logrank p=0.012]
  - PFS 0.2 month median improvement in PFS [HR=0.85 (95% CI 0.74, 0.98); logrank p=0.02)].
  - ORR: No statistically significant difference (31% vs. 29%).
- **Non-Squamous NSCLC (INSPIRE)** - No statistical improvement in OS, PFS or ORR with the addition of Necitumumab to pemetrexed/cisplatin

# Safety

- Anti-EGFR related serious toxicities with the addition of necitumumab to gemcitabine/cisplatin: skin rash (8% vs.1%) and hypomagnesemia (9%vs.1%)
- Increased incidence of venous thromboembolic events (9% vs. 5% in SQUIRE, 13% vs. 8% in INSPIRE), some fatal.
- Increase incidence of sudden deaths/death NOS (2.2% vs. 0.5% in SQUIRE, 3.3% vs. 1.6% in INSPIRE)

# Issues of the Advisory Committee

For discussion:

- Please discuss whether the INSPIRE trial results in the **non-squamous** NSCLC population impact the benefit: risk assessment of necitumumab for **squamous** NSCLC.
- Please discuss whether the efficacy and safety results of SQUIRE in **squamous** cell NSCLC support a positive benefit: risk assessment of necitumumab in combination with gemcitabine/cisplatin in the proposed population.





# Backup Slides Shown



**Necitumumab + GC**

ID	Age	Day of therapy/ day since last study drug	Primary Cause of Death	Comments	Risk factors	Reviewer's Comment
	61m	85 d, 13d 10/14/10 – 12/29/10 C4 D8	Unknown (Sudden Death)	Found dead at home 1/10/11  Mg++: (0.7 – 1.1 mmol) 0.77 (10/14/10) 0.61 mmol/L (11/16/10) 0.4 mmol/L (12/8/10) 0.37 mmol/L (12/21/10), <b>0.34 mmol (12/29/10)</b> , K and Ca normal on 12/29/10	HTN, COPD, ECG abnormal (LPHB),  Other AEs: Gr 3 Syncope (12/8/10), Gr 3 diarrhea, dehydration 12/13-12/15)	+ Risk factors for sudden death. Progressive worsening of hypomagnesemia (from normal baseline to grade 3 C4D8) 6 weeks prior to death, apparently untreated.  Electrolytes on the day of death (1/10/11) not known.  Untreated hypomagnesemia and other electrolyte imbalance most likely contributed to death



	62w m	81/18 1/11/12 – 3/14/12 C3 d 8	Cardiac arrest	<small>study drug</small> Died at home, after feeling weak and fatigued cause of death cardiac arrest 3/31/2012  3/20/12 – Mg 0.39 (grade 3) K 3.1 Ca 1.97 Action taken –none (True ?) – CSR page 436/2759 – see below	COPD, HTN (bisoprolol, fluticasone, salmeterol, aminophylline, tramadol)	Investigator assessed cause of death as disease progression  Reviewer's disagree – Pre-existing risk- factors. Severe electrolyte imbalance (untreated?) most likely contributed to death.
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